

THE SPOTLight

News From Councilmember Sherri Lightner

City of San Diego, District One

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Representing the communities of:

- Carmel Valley
- Del Mar Mesa
- La Jolla
- Pacific Highlands Ranch
- Torrey Hills
- Torrey Pines
- University City



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Council President Pro Tem Lightner Presides at Council Meetings



With the Mayor's resignation in late August, the City Council has shifted some duties and responsibilities to temporarily fill the top leadership position and maintain essential city services to its citizens.

As the Council President Pro Tem, Sherri now is leading most meetings of the City Council while current Council

President Todd Gloria serves as San Diego's Interim Mayor. Sherri notes that this shift in responsibilities will allow the Interim Mayor to be focused on keeping the City moving forward.

The Council has scheduled the special election to select a new mayor for Nov. 19.

If one candidate wins more than 50 percent of the votes, that person would assume office Dec. 17. If not, a runoff election would be held. This runoff would likely take place in February 2014.

In the meantime, Sherri remains committed to work-

ing cooperatively and productively with the City Council and Interim Mayor to ensure that the City delivers the vital services needed by our residents and businesses.

She welcomes the challenge of presiding over City Council meetings while continuing to address important issues facing the City.

In December 2012, Sherri was unanimously selected by her colleagues to serve as Council President Pro Tem, marking the first time a woman in the City of San Diego has held that position.

City Council Takes First Steps to Craft Plastic Bag Reduction

The City Council's Rules and Economic Development Committee last month unanimously voted to move ahead with crafting an ordinance to reduce single-use plastic shopping bags at grocery stores and other retail outlets in the City of San Diego.

San Diego is poised to become one of the largest U.S. cities to take such a positive step toward bettering the environment and saving taxpayers money.

Sherri believes that now is the time for San Diego to take a leadership role on limiting single-use plastic bags and reducing the pollution associ-

ated with them.

San Diego would join 80 other municipalities in California that prohibit or restrict plastic bags.

According to the City's Environmental Services Department, 500 million single-use plastic bags are distributed annually in San Diego. Only about 3 percent are recycled, with the bulk ending up in the trash.

In addition to the environmental impacts, the City spends approximately \$160,000 each year in landfill clean up costs alone, not including costs for plastic bag litter removal from streets,



storm drains, parks and beaches.

Common-sense limits on plastic bag use will conserve resources, reduce litter on our beaches, protect the health of wildlife and minimize ocean and waterway pollution as well as divert waste from the Miramar Landfill, helping to extend its lifespan and reduce taxpayer costs.

New School Crosswalk on Girard Avenue



New school crossing

This summer, the City completed a long-awaited project to improve the pedestrian crosswalk on Upper Girard Avenue between Pearl and Genter Streets.

This heavily used crosswalk between La Jolla Elementary School and the Gillispie School will dramatically improve pedestrian safety for students at both schools.

The project includes flashing lights to warn oncoming traffic of the crosswalk, a raised center median and “pop-out” extensions of the curb and sidewalk on both sides of the street to decrease the total distance that pedestrians have to cross.

Drivers who do not have students at the schools are encouraged to avoid this area during school drop-off and pick

-up hours between 8 and 8:45 a.m., and 2:30 and 3:15 p.m. weekdays, as this area is now more congested than in the past with both schools shifting to similar daily schedules.

Special thanks to both La Jolla Elementary School and the Gillispie School for all their efforts in working with the City to bring this project to fruition.

Carmel Valley Library Beautification Project Complete



Sherri has received several emails over the past few years regarding the poor aesthetic condition of the Carmel Valley Library.

Earlier this year, the Friends of the Carmel Valley Library reached out to Sherri and asked her to help with the repainting of the Library.

Before and after painting

Using the money that Sherri saves in her annual office budget, she was able to contribute \$26,000 toward the project.

The Friends of the Carmel Valley Library, the City of San Diego’s Library Department and the Del Mar Highlands Shopping Center also contributed to the effort,

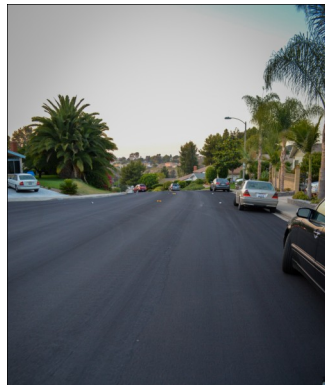
resulting in a great looking library in time for its 20 year anniversary!

The Carmel Valley Library is located at 3919 Townsgate Drive. For information about hours, programs and special events, call the branch at: (858) 552-1668

Street Resurfacing Effort Gets Rolling in University City



Approximately 7 miles of streets recently have been resurfaced in southeastern University City



San Diego street crews recently completed slurry seal work in many neighborhoods in Council District 1, including streets in South University City.

Since Sherri has taken office, more than **50 miles** of roads have been repaired and repaved throughout our communities in District One.

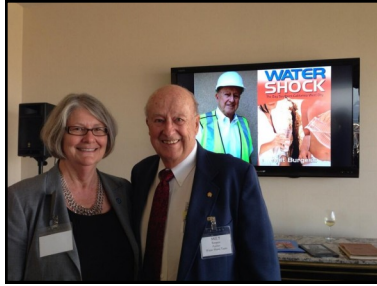
At any time citizens can call our Street Service Request Line at (619) 527-7500 to report potholes or other hazardous street conditions which need to be repaired.

Requests can also be submitted online at: <http://apps.sandiego.gov/streetdiv/>

Sherri Around Town



Sherri with representatives from the Ovarian Cancer Alliance of San Diego proclaiming September to be Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month in the City of San Diego.



Sherri attended the local book-signing event for "Water Shock: The Day Southern California Went Dry" by San Diego author Milt Burgess.



Sherri was happy to participate in the 22nd annual Paddle for Clean Water hosted by the Surfrider Foundation. This year's paddle around the Ocean Beach pier focused on the San Diego chapter's Rise Above Plastics campaign to reduce the impacts of plastics on the beaches, waterways and in the local marine environment.

La Jolla Cove Cleanup Continues

The second phase of the La Jolla Cove bird poop cleanup occurred the week of Sept. 23.

The City scheduled the cleanup in phases to avoid disrupting seasonal bird nesting. The private contractor has been able to substantially reduce the smell by applying a mix of odor-eating bacteria to the cliffs covered by

bird droppings. There may be a need for a third phase, depending on how much progress occurs after the latest application.

Prior to beginning the cleanup in June, the City consulted with state and federal agencies to develop a plan to address the odor issues that would avoid any runoff into the ocean and would

not disturb the bluffs or the birds and sea lions in the area.

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Local Business Spotlight: Snooze AM Eatery

Sherri often likes to highlight a new or unique business in Council District 1.

Here's this month's selection:

Who: Snooze, an AM Eatery

Where: 12925 El Camino Real, San Diego, CA 92130; in the Del Mar Highlands Town Center

What you'll find: Snooze re-energizes the way you think, feel

and ultimately eat breakfast. The menu items (breakfast and lunch) are crafted from scratch with recipes focusing on the highest quality ingredients; the setting is filled with energy and creativity; and service is radiating with fun and culinary knowledge.

The upside: As with all the Snooze restaurants (five in Colo-

rado and one in San Diego's Hillcrest neighborhood), 1 percent of total sales go toward local community organizations.

The new Del Mar Highlands restaurant has partnerships with San Dieguito River Valley Conservancy, Del Mar Schools Education Foundation and the Helen Woodward Animal Center.

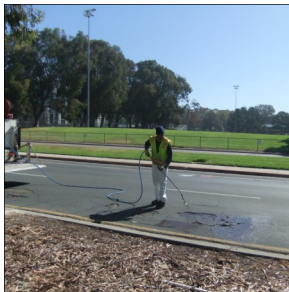


GOT E - Waste?



Bird Rock Elementary wants to transform your electronics into fun playground improvements for our students. The school is hosting its second E-Waste event on **Saturday, Oct. 19 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.** Drop off all unwanted electronics (cell phones, cameras, TVs, microwaves, etc.) in the staff parking lot at the school's Beaumont Alley entrance. Arrangements can be made for business E-waste pick-up, too. For more information, please call 619-661-5741.

Working for You in the Community



Need assistance in getting a pothole fixed?

Please call Sherri's office at (619) 236-6611. We are here to help.

Helping constituents get potholes filled, streetlights fixed and other neighborhood repairs completed is one of Sherri's top priorities. Here is a sampling of projects her office worked on this past month:

Potholes

- Patched potholes on La Jolla Mesa Drive

Cleanups and Repairs

- Repaired water meter cover at the intersection of Eads Ave. & Pearl Street
- Asphalt patched/lifted sidewalk repaired on Stremann Street

- Asphalt patched break in the road on Ellentown Road
- Picked up fallen palm fronds on Avenida Cresta, Via Del Norte and Vista De La Mesa

Streetlights and Traffic Signals

- Reinstalled fallen traffic signs at the roundabout at Via Capri & Senn Way
- Replaced missing street name signs at Nautilus Street & Via Valverde
- Reset traffic light timing at the intersection of La Jolla Parkway & Torrey Pines Road

Sherri is on the Web at

sandiego.gov/citycouncil/cd1/

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If you have a concern or question about an issue in your neighborhood, please contact our constituent services representative, Laena Shakarian, or your community representative. We're here to help!

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